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VACUUM PACKAGING APPARATUS AND
METHOD



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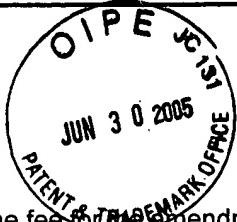
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**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)**

Docket No.
33051-CNT1



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Invention: VACUUM PACKAGING APPARATUS AND METHOD

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of December 30, 2005 in the above-identified application.
Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month Two months Three months Four months Five months

from: March 30, 2005 until: June 30, 2005
Date

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	7 -	20 =	0	x \$25.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	1 -	3 =	0	x \$100.00	\$0.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$510.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$510.00